



**PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON
FISHERIES HOTLINE
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2017-17, Week 43 updated
Monday October 23rd at 3 p.m.
[read by: Kendall Henry]

Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** for any vessel operator to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

For the remainder of the week beginning Sunday October 22nd all areas are closed except as follows:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay) will be open to:

Skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh

7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday October 23rd through Friday, October 27th

All Chinook must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Areas 7/7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts) will be open to:

Reef Nets

5 AM to 9 PM Daily through November 11th

Must release all Chinook.

Gillnets using 6 ¼-inch minimum mesh size:

Tuesday, October 24th from 7 AM to midnight

Wednesday, October 25th from 7AM to midnight

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Tuesday, October 24th from 7 AM to 6 PM

Wednesday, October 25th from 7AM to 6 PM

Recovery boxes are required and purse seines must release all Chinook and coho.

Note: Fewer than 14,000 chum remain on the non-treaty share of 7/7A chum. Additional 7/7A fisheries may be scheduled after Wednesday October 25th if the non-treaty share has not been harvested. Please check the hotline for updates.

Area 7B (Bellingham Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh

Continuously through midnight Saturday, November 4th

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip

Continuously through 6 PM Saturday, November 4th

Must release all Chinook

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay) will be open west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point to:

Gillnets using 5 inch minimum mesh

Tuesday, October 24th from 7 AM to 8 PM

and from 7 AM Thursday, October 26th to 8 PM Friday, October 27th

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Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
Tuesday, October 24th from 7 AM to 6 PM
Purse seines must release all Chinook.

Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay) will be open to:

Skiff gillnets with nets not to exceed 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh, continuously through 7 PM Saturday, November 4th. All Chinook must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Areas 10 & 11 (Seattle and Tacoma) will be open to:

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:

5 PM Sunday, October 22nd to 9 AM Monday, October 23rd

5 PM Wednesday, October 25th to 9 AM Thursday, October 26th

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Tuesday, October 24th from 7 AM to 6 PM

Purse seines must release all Chinook and coho.

Areas 12 & 12B (Hood Canal) will be open to:

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:

Monday, October 23rd from 7 AM to 8 PM

Wednesday, October 25th from 7 AM to 8 PM

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

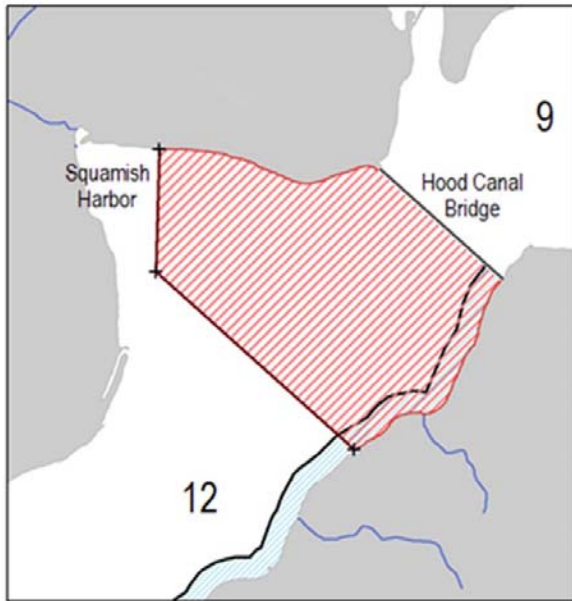
Tuesday, October 24th from 7 AM to 6 PM

Purse seines must release all Chinook.

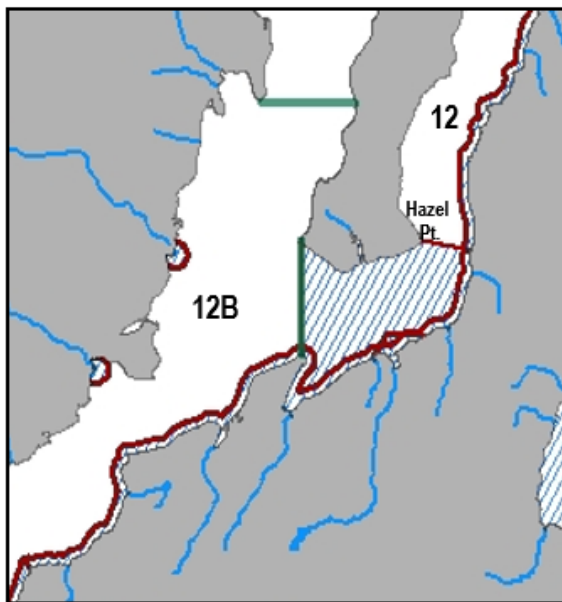
Please note the area within 2 miles of the Hood Canal Bridge is closed to purse seines on Tuesday October 24th and the portion of Area 12 from Hazel Point to the Area 12/12B line is open.

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Area 12 Purse Seine Exclusion: On October 24 and October 30, that portion of Area 12 within 2 miles of the Hood Canal Bridge, north and east of a line from 47°49'49.2" N and 122°38'22.2" W, then projected across the canal to a point at 47°51'8.7" N and 122°40'41" W, then projected true north to the shoreline.



Purse Seine Coho/Chum Season Exclusion: Purse seine openings during coho and chum seasons exclude those waters of Area 12 east of the Area 12/12B boundary and south of a line projected 94° true from Hazel Point to the light on the opposite shore, except this area is open to purse seines on October 24 and October 30.

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